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APPLYING PERSPECTIVE TO RELIGION, SCIENCE

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EDITOR'S NOTE—*The following address was delivered at the M.I.A. session of the January quarterly conference. Mr. Jensen, who formerly attended the Weber Junior College and the University of Utah, was graduated from Utah State in 1935, filled a mission in Switzerland and Germany prior thereto, and in 1936 received his M.S. from the University of California. He is now doing work for his Doctorate at the latter institution in the field of Entomology.*

A victorious Roman general once returned from the battle field. In his honor a parade was given, and in order to prevent the flattery and acclaim of the people from deceiving him into thinking he had become a god this modest man commissioned a slave to run in back of his chariot repeating the words: "Remember thou art a man!" This has been paraphrased by modern science to read: "Remember thou art an animal!" and carried even further by the mechanistics to read: "Remember thou art a machine."

This is characteristic of the atmosphere of conflicting forces which swirl confusingly about the still pliant minds of the young people of the Church. From every side these voices, unfamiliar to our parents, are ringing in our ears. "Face reality! Discard convention, mysticism, superstition, hollow ritual and ceremoney; extract yourselves from the steriotyped moulds of antiquated habits of thought, sets of values, and moral scruples."

Some prominent men, among them Einstein, view God as one who, "in short, is but a reflection of human frailty." In such a God he cannot believe. He says further: "Neither can I believe that the individual survives the death of his body, although feeble souls harbor such thoughts through fear or ridiculous egotism." H. L. Mencken, like others who are writing much of the material that is being read by the young people of the nation, in stating his creed says: "What I believe is mainly what has been established by plausible and impartial evidence, e.g., that the square on the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equal to the squares on the other two sides, that water is composed of oxygen and hydrogen, and that man is a close cousin to the ape. Further than that I do not care to go."

Other writers would destroy ideals of virtue, health, honesty and integrity. Some herald their messages in blatant tones; others work subtly, indirectly, but insidiously. Throughout all of this chaotic panorama run some threads of verified, wholesome truth, but to the undiscriminating of our numbers the reaction is toward a general repudiation of much that righteous men throughout the ages have enshrined in their hearts and to which they have conformed their lives. In short, belief in God, the immortality of man's spirit, the divinity of Joseph Smith's mission, modern revelation together with the other associated doctrines of the Gospel are seen as being reminiscent of the intellectual imprisonment which was predominant during the Dark Ages, or the age of "ecclesiastical enlightenment" as it has recently been ironically termed.

What will the reaction among the young people be to this avalanche of diverse philosophy? Lessing has said that a thinking man cannot stand "where the accident of birth has cast him. If he so remains, it is from judg-

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CHANGES IN PRIMARY, YOUNG WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

The removal from Oakland Stake of Mrs. Mary Randall, primary superintendent, and the poor health of Mrs. Helen Ream, president of the Young Women's M. I. A., have necessitated a reorganization of those two associations. Mrs. Dorothy C. Stone has been selected to succeed Mrs. Randall, and Mrs. Mary Dunham will replace Mrs. Ream.

Mary M. Dunham

Dorothy C. Stone

The two retiring ladies have served just short of a full year each, but in that time have contributed remarkably to the work. Each has proved to be an outstanding organizer and executive, winning the love and devotion of all who served with them. Mrs. Randall succeeded in completely organizing the Primary board for the first time in its history in the Bay region, and Mrs. Ream saw the organization of the young women completed in every Ward of the Stake for the first time. It has been with profound regret, but sincere appreciation of their services, that they have been released.

Mary Muir Dunham served as Mrs. Ream's first counselor for the past year. She and her husband have been living in Berkeley since 1928. She is a graduate of the Branch Agricultural College of Utah, and also attended the University of Utah. She filled a special mission of one year at the St. George Temple indexing genealogical cards. In 1926 she was married to Scott H. Dunham in the Salt Lake Temple. They have three children. She has served in all the Church auxiliaries both as teacher and as an executive.

Dorothy Cobbley Stone, native of Pleasant Grove, Utah, lived most of her pre-married life in Idaho. Her first Church position came at 14, as play leader in the Primary. Later she took special work in teacher-training, and for two years served as kindergarten instructor on the Blackfoot Stake Sunday School Board. She was married in 1924 to O. Leslie Stone in the Salt Lake Temple. For eight years they lived in Oregon where Mrs. Stone served two years as Primary superintendent in the Portland branch. They have lived in Oakland Stake for five years, where she has been extremely busy as a teacher and an executive in all three Church auxiliaries.

Mrs. Dunham has chosen as her first counselor Mrs. Mary Scott, but her second counselor has not been chosen at the time the Messenger goes to press. Mrs. Stone has chosen Mrs. Mavis Humphries and Mrs. Anabelle Hart.

GOLD AND GREEN BALL, MARCH 11

The Stake is now looking forward to the annual Gold and Green Ball to be held in the ballroom of the Scottish Rite Temple on Oak Street, Friday evening, March 11. It will be the climax of a season of unusually successful social events.

The feature of the evening will be the selection and coronation of a Queen of the Ball, to be selected by vote of those attending, from the various queens representing the Wards of the Stake. These queens will be on the reception committee for all to see and greet. Voting will close at 10 and the result will be announced at 10:30 with the brief but colorful pageantry of a coronation ceremony.

The Ball is to be the outstanding event of the year, and attendance is expected of many friends from San Francisco and other localities. While the occasion will be formal to the extent that everyone will wear his handsomest suit or loveliest party dress, strict formal attire is not necessary.

The committee in charge is Superintendent F. E. Huish, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Orth and Mr. and Mrs. Lund Johnson.

ALEXANDER SCHREINER TO PLAY AT BERKELEY WARD RECITAL

Berkeley Ward's newly-installed pipe organ will be played by Alexander Schreiner, nationally known organist, at a recital to be given at the Berkeley Chapel, 8:00 p. m., April 7. Other musical numbers will be given by Dorothy Dunyon Shattuck, violinist, and by the Berkeley Ward Choir, directed by W. King Driggs.

Alexander Schreiner was born in Nuremberg, Germany, the city of the "meistersingers." At the age of four, he started playing the piano and at the age of eight was already playing the organ for services in a branch of the L. D. S. Church. Four services a week constituted his bill of fare—one mid-week Bible service and three on Sundays. In 1912, his family emigrated to Utah where Mr. Schreiner continued his piano work, studying under John McClellan, who developed and made famous the Tabernacle organ recitals. By 1924 he was appointed to the Tabernacle's staff of organists. This was followed by two years' study in Paris. Since 1930, Mr. Schreiner has been organist and lecturer of music at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he is associated with Arnold Schoenberg, the Vienese atonalist. In April, last year, he played with the Philharmonic Orchestra of Los Angeles under the direction of Otto Klemperer.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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EDITORIAL

In spite of the gratifying growth in many directions disclosed by the annual reports as shown elsewhere in this issue, this is no time to be patting ourselves on the back. A study of the tithing statistics discloses grave cause for concern on the part of everyone who believes this is the work of the Lord.

We suggest that everyone under whose eye these lines fall read Section 119 of the Doctrine and Covenants; note its very positive language; recall, too, that this law of tithing was given unto us merely as a "schoolmaster" to lead the way to a more perfect law. And then when you have done this, pause and reflect upon the fact shown by the cold figures of the annual reports that *only 845 out of 1505 who should have paid tithing in 1937 did so;* and that the per capita tithing in the Stake also decreased. Reflect further on a fact not shown by these figures, that the 845 who paid includes part tithe-payers as well as full tithe-payers.

There appears one bright spot in these figures. To the great credit of Richmond Ward members, their per capita tithing increased although they were engaged in building operations during the year.

Many months ago the Church announced to the world a program designed for the temporal welfare of its members, a program for which it has received the widest possible acclaim. It is a program designed, as many believe, to lead us to even greater things. Yet the whole scheme is vitally dependent upon the membership keeping the covenants and commandments.

Long before the announcement of the Security program—indeed many times during the history of the Church—it has been stated by those in authority that if the members would pay a full and honest tithing there would be enough for all purposes without calling upon the saints for more.

This problem is of peculiar concern to us of a metropolitan area surrounded by thousands not of our faith. Not one of us but is vitally concerned for the future well-being of our children. We want them to know fully, to understand and to live up to, the beautiful ideals and heritage which is theirs; we expect and want the Church to help us accomplish this. *And yet 44% of us—almost half—are leaving it to the other half and to the Church at large, to foot the bills.* This is not fair to the Lord, to our neighbor who pays, nor to our children.

It is too late to do anything about the record made for 1937; the books are closed. But it is not too late to change the picture for 1938. Oakland Stake members, what will your answer be?

STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

One of the distinctive aspects of the work of the Lord in these latter days has to do with the vitally important activities which are carried forward within His holy temples.

Every faithful Latter Day Saint who really understands the genius of the Plan of Salvation, will not rest content until he has availed himself of the special blessings to be obtained only in these holy places. Nor is this all. Once he has caught a glimpse of the vital need of this labor of love, he will seek to make its benefits available to others, acting vicariously for them he will cooperate with Christ the Lord and become a savior upon Mount Zion to those who have not had the privilege of the blessings of the Gospel.

Although Oakland Stake is not fortunate enough to have a temple within our boundaries, we can occasionally, and with comparative ease reach one. To this end the Annual Temple Pilgrimage is planned. The Temple excursion this year will be made to the famous Temple at Salt Lake City. All saints within Oakland Stake who can do so are urged to attend the April Conference to be held April 3, 4 and 6, and be present at the special Temple session to be held on April 7. Accepting the kind invitation extended to our Stake by Elder Joseph Christensen, Temple Recorder, who recently attended our genealogical convention, we will also be privileged to visit the beautiful dedication room of this Holy House.

This is a special occasion, and as your Stake Presidency, we earnestly advise all members of Oakland Stake who can do so to be there. The Stake genealogical workers will be pleased to assist you in any way possible.

Anticipating a spiritual feast with you at the April Conference, and in the Lord's Holy House, we remain,

Sincerely your brethren,
EUGENE HILTON
W. GLENN HARMON
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

TEMPLE EXCURSION PLANS

A special rate of $18 for the round trip has been arranged for Temple excursionists over the Southern Pacific. Trains on which this rate will be good leave at 8:35 p. m. on March 30 and April 1. Departure must be on one of these dates to take advantage of the rate, but the return may be at any time within 20 days. Tickets must be obtained in advance from the transportation committee.

Temple work will be the feature of the trip, but in addition to being so timed as to permit participants to attend the April general conference, a special testimony meeting will be held in the Temple, a junior baptismal has been arranged, and also a visit to the genealogical library.

The High Priests of the Stake are sponsoring a party at which the Temple excursionists will be the guests of honor. This will be held at Oakland chapel the evening of March 26.

PRIMARY STAKE BOARD

The Primary Stake Board entertained Mary Randall at a dinner party at the home of Rose Clark. She was presented with a Bible as a token of appreciation for her faithful services.

On March 9 at 2:00 p. m. in the Relief Society lounge of the Berkeley Ward Chapel, members of the Primary Stake Board will give a book review and tea. There will also be musical numbers. Admission will be 50c.

Della Swenson and Annetta Wood have just returned from Los Angeles, where they have been visiting relatives.

The Primary Stake Board wish to express their appreciation for the wonderful support given them by the Relief Society teachers and the Ward teachers. Primary attendance has increased.

MISSIONARY NEWS

President Rulon S. Wells of the First Council of Seventy met with the Stake Presidency and Stake missionaries on Saturday, February 26. The condition of the mission was considered and plans for increased activity were laid.

Robert T. Paine, former president of Elmhurst District, and Orland Olsen of Berkeley District have recently been honorably released as Stake missionaries. New calls to the service have been sent and accepted by Adrian H. Hess of Oakland Ward and Grant Tolman to act as president of Elmhurst District.

ACHIEVEMENT

Once more the Messenger is happy to chronicle accomplishments of outstanding merit. This time it is group accomplishment, or rather two group accomplishments.

Berkeley Ward Scout Troop Number 8, exhibiting in the recent merit badge competition of the Berkeley-Contra Costa Council, won not only an "A" rating, it received the highest rating of the 28 troops, four sea scout ships and one cub pack participating. Its exhibit was in the field of zoology and it scored 930 points out of a possible 1000. The troops were not competing against each other but against a fixed scale of excellence. The Troop 8 exhibit was outstanding, and the knowledge displayed by the Scouts on such subjects as the dissection of worms and frogs, and the naming of phyla (many names longer than most of the Scouts) was astounding. In addition to having the exhibit, two of the troopers, Lynn Knight and Robert Johnson, were kept busy as chairman and committee member respectively of the committee of the Knights of Dunamis (Eagle Scout Fraternity), which staged the exhibit for the council.

The second achievement is that of the Mormon Male Chorus which won first prize in the Welsh Eisteddfod. This event is more fully covered elsewhere in these columns.

Members of Troop 8, members of the Chorus, Oakland Stake salutes and honors you! It is regretted we do not have space to name you individually. You have achieved richly and have held up the standard for others to follow.

HIGH COUNCIL, MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH

Special attention is called to the fact that sacrament services in Pittsburg branch are held immediately following Sunday School. Those assigned to Pittsburg should go in time to attend Sunday School.

Alameda: Nathan G. Tolman, Willmar Jackson.
Berkeley: Don C. Wood, Adrian H. Hess.
Dimond: Victor Lindblad, I. B. Ball.
Elmhurst: Don J. Allphin, Vinal Mauss.
Hayward: William J. Nielsen, Charles Maurer.
Martinez: John J. Kest, John Searle.
Oakland: Delbert F. Wright, Grant Tolman.
Richmond: Ray H. Fisher, Glen Elliott.
Vallejo: O. Leslie Stone, C. J. Brossard.
Pittsburg: C. C. Carr, Stanley Dahlin.

CHORUS WINS FIRST HONORS

Before a throng of music lovers of San Francisco and Oakland, which crowded the Oakland Women's City Club Auditorium, the Mormon Male Chorus won first place honors and a prize of $30 in the male chorus division of the recent Eisteddfod (a traditional contest in arts and crafts, drama and music, which has been held annually by the Welsh people for centuries past). The male chorus contest was a fitting climax to a full day of competition. In the finals there were three choruses: The Welsh Male Glee Club of San Francisco, the Welsh Male Glee Club of Oakland, and the Mormon Male Chorus. In announcing the winner the judge was very complimentary of the tone and quality and balance of the chorus and also its professional appearance and attitude. The chorus not only won the verdict of the judge, but also won the hearts of the audience, and from the applause standard, the Mormon Male Chorus was unanimous choice for first place.

Another outstanding performance of the chorus was at the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, February 13, where it furnished the music setting for memorial services to the heroes of the sinking of the "Maine." On this occasion the chorus sang to an audience of approximately two thousand.

RELIEF SOCIETY, ELDERS' RUMMAGE SALE

Thanks to the efforts of the Relief Society and the Elders' Quorums, the recent rummage sale has resulted not only in the enrichment of the Stake funds by $100.00, but several articles of value have been added to the Security store house.

Mrs. Rena B. Hallen, Relief Society work director has recently supervised a survey to determine how many women in the Stake make their own bread, do their own sewing, laundry. While the project is still in its initial stage, it has already been of definite value. The ultimate aim is to have all L. D. S. home-makers know how to do these things and to be able to intelligently compute the economic saving.

On February 23 the Relief Society held its regular monthly luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. Ruth S. Hilton. Mrs. Sara H. Carruth was hostess at the January meeting.

Fitting observation of March 17 as Founders' Day for the Relief Society is being planned throughout the Wards of the Stake.

WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE, March, 1938

Faith In the Servants of God

For unto you (the Twelve) and those (the First Presidency) who are appointed with you, to be your counselors, and your leaders, is the power of this Priesthood given for the last days and for the last time, in the which is the dispensation of the fullness of times. Which power you hold in connection with all those who have received a dispensation at any time from the beginning of the creation; For verily I say unto you, the keys of the dispensation which ye have received, have come down from the fathers; and last of all, being sent down from heaven unto you.

—D. & C. 112:30-32.

The keystone of the restored Gospel is the fact that God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, appeared in person to Joseph Smith and in subsequent years, through him, restored to the earth the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and organized again on the earth His Church; that Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, Joseph F. Smith, and Heber J. Grant have been his true and lawful successors, have succeeded to the keys mentioned in the quotation above, and have been appointed to lead and guide His people in all the world.

In times like these that knowledge should bring great comfort to members of the Church. In all the years since the Restoration never have the people of this Church been led astray.

Whenever the counsel and advice of our leaders have been followed, our faith in them has been vindicated. Now when divine wisdom and guidance are needed as never before, the safest course for Latter-day Saints to follow is to have faith in the servants of God.

Note: Teachers are urged to read Section 112 of the Doctrine and Covenants in preparing to present this message.

STATISTICS SHOW GROWTH, ALSO WEAK SPOTS

Every Ward in the Stake showed an increase in membership during 1937 according to the annual reports compiled and filed with the Presiding Bishop's office. From a total of 3629 members of December 31, 1936, the number increased to 3948 one year later. If the rate of increase keeps up by the end of 1938 Oakland Stake will have a larger population than did the original San Francisco Stake at the time of the division in December 1935.

The Church investment within the borders of the Stake has also been increasing at a phenomenal rate, being a total of $233,471.14 at present. Four Wards are now occupying their own homes, fully paid for, and a fifth Ward will be occupying its new home within a very few days. Of the remaining four Wards, three have sites and plan early building operations. In addition plans are being formulated for a new Stake tabernacle and amusement center.

The record for 1937 as to fast offerings shows a healthy increase. Every Ward in the Stake except one showed an increase, with the result that the Stake per capita was upped to 77c from the 1936 figure of 55c. This is still short of the *minimum* goal of $1.00 per capita set by the general authorities and achieved by our neighbors across the bay.

In the matter of tithing the record was not so good. While the total amount of tithing received showed an increase, only three of the Wards showed a per capita increase, and six Wards showed decreases, some of them alarmingly large. And of the 1505 persons who should have paid tithing, only 845 did so, being 56% or slightly more than half.

The statistics are interesting and worthy of study, showing the comparative standing of the Wards. The number of people listed for Berkeley Ward who should pay tithing appears disproportionately small for the Ward population; this fact may be partly accounted for by the number of students residing there who have no income.

Name of Ward	Membership		Fast Offering per capita		Tithing	
	1937	1936	1937	1936	No. who should have paid	No. who did pay
Alameda	212	195	$0.60	$0.53	120	38
Berkeley	800	656	.75	.61	210	156
Dimond	607	545	.98	.65	310	198
Elmhurst	648	627	.60	.52	206	100
Hayward	232	216	.675	.52	92	58
**Martinez	335	334	.33	.26	124	37
Oakland	615	578	.90*	1.01	253	162
Richmond	225	206	.69	.52	78	38
Vallejo	274	271	.38	.35	110	57
Stake Totals	3948	3629	.77	.55	1505	845

*Represents decrease over 1936.
**Martinez Ward then included Pittsburg Branch.

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ment, reason, choice of best." So when these vital questions of life become the issue let us attempt to view them in truer perspective.

The question of the validity of the ideals and doctrines of Mormonism hinges fundamentally on two situations: (1) The arraignment of religion in general. (2) The interpretation of scientific data and the trends of thought and action which have accompanied the spread of the scientific attitude. These problems will, of necessity, be treated from a purely basic standpoint. It is the kernel of the present difficulty I wish to take up now rather than its fruits.

During different periods in the history of the world, organized groups of people have, in the name of religion, committed some of the greatest spiritual, intellectual and physical crimes that stain historical records. The situation of greatest significance to us is the indictment of Christianity. Disregarding the bloodshed done in the name of the Savior, we still have the greater accusation—that of stifling intellectual advancement for almost a thousand years. Associated with this was hypocricy, graft, distortion of the principles of the Gospel and many other undesirable things, vestiges of which are still being attacked where they are found in some churches. The reverberations of that struggle which culminated in the emancipation of scientific investigation are still echoing in our ears.

And because many theologians, whose interpretation of the universe had become crystallized, were reluctant to reconstruct their concepts of the world and its myriad life in the light of truths revealed by the science they had viewed with suspicion and disapproval, and because many premature and erroneous conclusions have been proclaimed in the name of science, we still have many dogmatic scientific and ecclesiastical men in the world who unduly prolong the conflict. The historical facts are familiar to all. Let a statement from Huxley suffice: "Strangling theologians hover around the cradle of every scientific endeavor, waiting to strangle it, like the snakes around the cradle of Hercules." Since the church discouraged scientific work during the middle ages, Christianity has also been considered

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guilty of causing the death of the ancient science established by Aristotle and his contemporaries.

Such an accusation is without justification. Science was in the throes of a natural death before the birth of Christianity, and it breathed its last with Galen, during the second century A. D., before Christianity had become sufficiently powerful to be of influence against it.

The crimes and misdemeanors actually committed by men wearing the mantle of the Church have, however, been many; and as a result there has grown up the idea in modern times that all religions are, after all, of about the same calibre. In such discussions the Church of Jesus Christ is automatically thrown into the general category of religions and asked to shoulder part of this distasteful historical burden. But since scientists demand an accurate classification of the facts in any case they support, we may of right insist upon the same honest segregation when religion is is brought up for trial.

The medieval church was not authorized of God, for it had fallen away from the truth so far that God had withdrawn his priesthood from the earth. This brings us to the pivotal point of this phase of the question. We must always carefully discriminate between the Church of Jesus Christ, acting with authority and approval of God, and the numerous Churches which have been built up by the power of men and used, to a greater or less degree, for the personal interests of men. Such Churches represent a body the structure of which is crystallized ritual and ceremony, from which the spirit of religion has long since departed. This body, unanimated by the spirit of God, goes on and is worshipped until its dead and skeletonized form is finally recognized by the people and discarded. Its formalities and superstitions overshadow its truths and original motives. The result is a picture whose frame, instead of whose canvas, attracts the eye.

Thus the religions of men, with their everchanging robes, bloom and fade. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the only eternal Gospel because it alone is grounded deep in the simple, but powerful truths of the universe, has weathered the storms of centuries and proclaims the same truths it did on the morning of creation. And it will triumph over all man-made creeds, because it encompasses their truths and is not fettered by their rituals.

Let it be here mentioned that this thought might also be used to answer those who would cast reflection on the divinity of the Church by pointing out instances where many of its truths were recognized and proclaimed centuries ago by individual, outstanding, philosophers such as Buddah, Confucius and Mohammed, and the cults and religions that grew out of their teachings. The truths they had were fragmentary, not complete, nor were they harmoniously organized in their proper relation to each other. Even these fragments of truth were not new to the world when expressed by these men. With the first dispensation of the Gospel, mankind undoubtedly heard them from the lips of God's prophets—men carrying the same authority that exists in our Church today.

Man lives between two physical infinities in this universe—the infinitely large as seen in the spiral nebulae and the galaxies of stars; and the infinitely small—found in the atoms and their constituents, the existence of which he can become aware of only by indirect methods. During recent years, science has been perfecting our knowledge of this physical world in various ways. Its practical applications have made life safer and richer for millions of people. Science has created an effective model of nature for us, but we must remember that it is only a model, and one which has been constructed, in outline form, through a study of fragments only, and which we can view not as a symmetrical, blended whole, but as a mosaic of which we are a part and hence which is so close to us that we are aware of but one or two sections at a time. According to W. C. D. Whetham, in "A History of Science," during the present time the "relations of the older parts of this model are becoming better known, errors are being corrected, and new parts are being added, added indeed so fast that there is no time for the adventurous builders to fit them into, or even onto, the older structure." When this rapid pace slackens, the work of segregation and co-ordination will be taken care of—"the present generation is in too great a hurry to waste time in doing so."

Whetham says further: "Men are coming to see more clearly both the power and limits of science. Science may be in itself mechanistic, but that is because it is by its very nature concerned with regularities in nature, and can only work where it finds them. Man, regarded mechanically, is naturally a machine: but, regarded spiritually, he may still be a rational mind and a living soul. Science, recognizing its true meaning, no longer tries to bind the spirit of man in fetters of law, but leaves him free to approach the Divine in whatever way his soul demands."

Briefly stated then, science, because of the basis from which it works, can deal only with the physical laws of the universe—those laws which can be tested by the still primitive physical means at man's command and recognized by the registration of the results on one or more of his five senses. This he calls verification through sensory experience. It is, however, recognized that there is knowledge and reality which transcends this. There is a spiritual as well as a physical aspect to the universe and to man, the laws of which cannot be put to test by the same means we use in dealing with the physical world. When men attempt to apply the physical test to the spiritual aspect, disregarding the fact that they were dealing with an order of reality differing from the physical order which answered the call of their physical instruments, no response may be registered. Hence they may come to the conclusion that there was nothing in the universe except the physical side. If man shuts his eyes he can tell by the sense of touch that he has a piece of canvas before him, but he will have to have his eyes open in order to know that upon that canvas is painted a picture of exquisite beauty. And so man must approach God and the spiritual things of life in a spiritual manner. Only when he does this can he hope to see and recognize the ultimate truths behind the scenes.

A chemist may know the properties of hydrogen and those of oxygen by themselves, but without past experience he cannot predict what the properties of water will be when the two elements are combined. The same applies to man. The psychologist may see mechanical and chemical activity in the human body; he may keep muscles of the heart alive and growing after the organism as a whole has ceased to live, but from these constituent parts and facts he cannot know what life is when all parts of the body are working as a whole and form the mortal habitation of an immortal soul.

That many scientific men long misconstrued the facts in relation to spirituality is readily understandable. It was merely the pendelumlike swing from one extreme to another. During the Dark Ages when a Church, which had no communion with God, dictated all thought, the lives of millions of people were ruled by superstition. Dr. John A. Widtsoe writes of this power: "Superstition is Satan's substitute for faith. Throughout history, it has worked spiritual havoc with the children of men. The attempt to invest inanimate objects with living power is its commonest deceptive trick. Manmade images are set up for worship. It trusts more to the vaulted ceiling, the stained glass and dramatic ritual than to the calm statement of unvarnished truth. There is no intellectual progress where superstition has found entrance."

When the scientific workers of those dark days did free themselves from this power, they saw order in the physical world about them, and naturally assumed that everything beyond physical reality was superstition. This was the empirical or mechanistic attitude. One man went so far as to say, they "escorted God to the edge of the universe and dismissed him with thanks for his provisional services." This extreme point of view, however, has always been inadequate and it is only when we see the spiirtual and the physical aspects of the universe in proper proportion that we can form a satisfying philosophy of life. Without this balanced view, life can only seem futile and cruel to most people. A. N. Whitehead, in "Science and the Modern World," writes: "The fact of the religious vision, and its history of persistent expansion, is our one ground for optimism. Apart from it, human life is a flash of occasional enjoyments lighting up a mass of pain and misery, a bagatelle of transient experience."

A few generations without the firm, beautiful ideals of faith in God, in immortality, in the eternity of marriage and family relations, chastity, temperance, and the many others which would necessarily fall to a great extent with a conviction of our Church with all others, and with the belief that after all there is nothing beyond the physical in the universe, would mark the prelude to another social degeneration. So let us not view our religion patronizingly; we need not make excuses when we bring in the spiritual factor of life. We do not need to bear our testimonies according to psychology or formulas. Let us cultivate spiritual as well as physical and mental growth. The acquisition of physical facts is but partial knowledge. Spiritual enlightenment is requisite to complete knowledge and is of fundamental importance.

Mormon ideals can stand. God does live. We are his spiritual children, incarnate in mortal bodies for a special mission, but nevertheless possessors of potential attributes of Deity. Not unjustly may we paraphrase the utterance of the Roman slave to his master to read: "Remember thou art sons and daughters of God."

—Dilworth D. Jensen.

Note: This talk was delivered at the Sunday evening session of the Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference held in the Oakland Chapel January 30, 1938.

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OAKLAND WARD SENDS ANOTHER MISSIONARY

Esther Thornton

A farewell testimonial was tendered to Miss Esther Thornton of Oakland Ward on February 18, prior to her departure for the North Central States Mission. The program was excellent and well attended. The musical numbers were by the Mormon Male Chorus and by Professor Joseph Pulvino. Bishops John ... Shields and Angus H. Norberg and Patriarch I. B. Ball each spoke, and a response was given by the departing missionary.

The departure of Miss Thornton gives Oakland Ward three missionaries in the field, one short of its quota. Only one Ward, Dimond, has its full quota out at present.

Correction

Through inadvertence the name of John G. Wimmer, author of the poem, "A Toast to Someone," was omitted when the poem was published in the last issue.

WARD NEWS

BERKELEY WARD

Submitted by Barbara Hall

The Deseret Club showed that they had something besides brains at their Musical Review and Variety Show on February 18. The program included a dance specialty directed by Shirley Beatty, piano duets by Grace Richards and Anita Magneson, vocal numbers, and a one-act play. The chorus of eight unidentified Berkeley beauties was the highlight of the evening. Berkeley Erickson was master of ceremonies.

Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, an all-organization carnival and bazaar will be given in the Recreation Hall. Each auxiliary organization has been assigned to be responsible for certain concessions. The M-Men and others will present specialty acts for entertainment, and Friday night dancing will take place. Alfred Cardwell is in charge of arrangements.

The new pipe organ is now being installed, and will soon be ready for use. The opening concert will be held on April 7. Alexander Schriner of Salt Lake will be a guest at that program. Dorothey Shattuck and the Ward Choir will also present musical selections.

The results of the recent Lambda Delta Sigma election are as follows: President, Lynn Knight; vice-president, Bob Johnson; secretary-treasurer, Barbara Hall; program chairman, Laurel Knight; discussion chairman, Verle Knight; and sergeants-at-arms, Jess Hougaard and Clark Hughes. The last social affair of the club was a Scavenger Hunt on February 19, after which refreshments were served at the home of the president.

Alvin Carpenter is the new president of the Deseret Club, taking the place of Louis Fowlks. Alvin of Manti, Utah, is here attending the University of California.

Mr. George D. Hughes has been released as Ward Clerk. J. Oran Yorgason will take his place. Mr. Yorgason will be assisted by Edward H. Caine.

ALAMEDA WARD

The Alameda Primary was reorganized on Sunday, February 6. Mrs. Annie Horman and counselors were honorably released with a vote of thanks for their many years of work.

Mrs. Maybelle Radabaugh was selected as president, Mrs. Thelma Keller first counselor, and Mrs. Beatrice Hoffman as secretary.

The Junior "Book of Mormon" Group had a roller skating party at Rollerland on Thursday evening, February 3. The funds raised were used for the purpose of buying phonograph records to play for dancing after Mutual.

In honor of President Bessie Stevens, a pink and blue shower was given on January 31 by the Relief Society ladies.

Mrs. Thys Winkel is vacationing in Manti, Utah, with relatives.

Mrs. Blanche Crandall spent two weeks in Mesa, Ariz., visiting relatives and doing temple work.

Mrs. Annie Horman, retiring president of the Primary, was honored at a surprise party at her home by Mrs. Lavina McRae and members of her Primary organization for the past five years. She was presented with a book.

DIMOND WARD

Mrs. Electa Dixon, who has been visiting with her daughters, Sarah Summerhays and Helen Payne, is leaving the latter part of the month for her home in Provo. She will be accompanied by her daughter, Helen, and baby.

The Sunday School sponsored another successful theatre party, Monday evening, February 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Cherrington entertained at a delightful party Saturday evening, February 12, in honor of Bromwell Cox and wife, who are leaving in the near future to make their home in Fresno. About 45 guests enjoyed the evening.

Recent arrivals being welcomed to the Ward are the Wardell family from Utah.

The executive officers of the Relief Society were entertained at a spring luncheon by their president, Patricia Fish, at her home, Wednesday, February 16. The color scheme of yellow, green and white was carried out in flowers, candle flames and luncheon. There were 12 guests, including the guest of honor, Mrs. Electa Dixon, of Provo, Utah.

One of the most successful parties of the entire year was the Ward Green and Gold Ball, sponsored by the Mutual. The hall was beautifully and appropriately decorated in gold and green, with a throne for the chosen queen, which honor was won by the popular Young Women's president, Viola Lauper.

Twelve guests, including the Relief Society presidency, were entertained at a surprise luncheon given by Edna Mitchell, Friday, February 18, in honor of the birthday of Mary Olson. The other guests included Melvina Earl, Belle Cox, Margaret England, Mary Cherrington, Sarah Olson and Gladys Olson.

Mrs. Gibbs, of Ogden, Utah, is visiting with her son, Lee, and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitzpatrick are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter, Friday morning, February 18.

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OAKLAND WARD

Before leaving for her labors in the mission field, Esther Thornton was the honor guest at a number of parties. The Primary officers and teachers gave her a luncheon and shower at the chapel. The Gleaners had a party and handkerchief shower for her at the home of Dorothy Brown. The Missionary Class and Book of Mormon Club had a Sunday afternoon luncheon at Minnie Gain's home in her honor.

Elmer Harker has been put in charge of the Teachers' Quorum.

The Boy Scout Committee has been reorganized. Elmer Harker is supervisor, with Allen Vincient, Walter Hoyt and Heber James Brown assisting him.

Easton Willey is playing in the orchestra on the U. S. Monterey, traveling between here and Australia. He was home on Washington's Birthday.

Dorothy Perry and Eliouse King gave bridal showers for Helen Gain, who is going to be married in March.

Alice Johnson just returned from a vacation through Utah and Idaho. One of her many thrills was being snowbound in California.

Eldon and Mary Rex spent a few days visiting friends in Oakland on their return from the Hawaiian Islands.

The Oakland Ward has received with regrets the announcement that one of its old, faithful members, John C. Searl, and his good wife are leaving our Ward. They are contemplating spending the remainder of their life's mission in temple work in the Salt Lake Temple. Mr. Searl has been caretaker of our Chapel for seven years, and has always been on hand to greet everyone who came there. He plans to leave on the 15th of March, and his wife will follow the latter part of that month.

ELMHURST WARD

Miss Rene Schipper is wearing a diamond ring, which she accepted from Truman Nethercott. The wedding will take place towards the end of the year.

We are all glad to have Elder Grant Tolman home with us again after concluding a very successful two-year mission in Australia.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Reynolds and family to our Ward.

Charles Dean has been transferred to Fresno. We are going to miss him, but wish him success in his new work.

R. T. Paine and Mrs. L. M. Day have been released from the offices of Sunday School teachers. Grant Tolman has been selected to take Mr. Paine's class, the Missionary Training Class.

We are happy to have the Nelms family with us again.

Miss Margie Tolman is also wearing a diamond ring. The lucky man is Gilbert Larsen.

We held a very fine Ward dance the 11th of February, at which time we elected our queen for the Gold and Green Ball, Mrs. Margaret Marchant. Let's all go to the ball and support our queen. Our next dance will be March 4. Everyone is invited. Don't forget the date.

The Relief Society held a social, honoring the teachers who had completed their visiting the previous month.

Blaine Bailey is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer. Mr. Bailey is from Idaho.

Vaun Moody has moved to San Francisco.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:
To Mr. and Mrs. S. Combs, Elmhurst, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, Oakland, a daughter, February 11.

BLESSINGS:
Ronald Earl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Peterson, Oakland, February 6.
Lee Roy Stamps, Elmhurst, February 6.
Larry Melvin Partington, Elmhurst, February 6.
Dwight Lewis Woodfield, Elmhurst, February 6.
Leola Pauline Shields, Elmhurst, February 6.
Barbara June Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junius Payne, Dimond.

BAPTISMS:
Robert Day, Elmhurst.
Naoma La Vone Webb, Elmhurst.
Shirley Jean Webb, Elmhurst.
Eunice Idell Hunt, Elmhurst.
Leslie J. Wilkinson, Elmhurst.
Barbara Ellen Balkwill, Elmhurst.
Rovert Wayne Bruce, Elmhurst.
Robert Wayne Bruce, Elmhurst.
Norma Darling Kanes, Oakland.
Phillip Leroy Lindelof, Oakland.

ORDINATIONS:
Leslie Wanless, Deacon, Dimond.
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Kay Larson, Deacon, Oakland.
Kay Bateman, Deacon, Oakland.
Jack Polson, teacher, Oakland.
Archie J. Inger, Priest, Hayward.
Junior Creager, Priest, Hayward.
David P. Graham, Priest, Hayward.
Basil L. Creager, Priest, Hayward.
Arthur H. Wells, High Priest, Hayward.

MARRIAGES:
Clementine Loretta Lucido and Benjamin Burt Hughs, January, 28, in Oakland.

HAYWARD WARD

The M.I.A. continues in an exceptional manner, as the season progresses the attendance grows. The splendid corps of teachers show what can be accomplished by well thought out and interesting lessons. The assembly programs have been well thought out.

The Emmett Ellis family is back after a vacation of eight months. They traveled all through the eastern section of the country, visiting friends, relatives and doing a great amount of genealogy research. Considerable Temple work has been accomplished for their ancestors already.

The paper drive for the month of January showed the teachers losing to the deacons. The two quorums collected almost five tons of paper.

The Priesthood has responded well to meeting at 9:15 in the morning before Sunday School. So far the teachers have had a hundred per cent attendance.

There must be more personal happenings in the Ward so why not report it to the reporter so that all can hear about the news.

RICHMOND WARD

We want to express our appreciation to all who attended our Barn Dance for making it an outstanding success. Special thanks for thoughtful efforts must be given to Naomi Layton, Ellen Haddock, Lillian Morley, Nina Fawcett, Lileth Tidwell, Blanche Harmon, Blaine Haddock, Edmond Phelps, Charlotte Fawcett, Sylvia Aikens, Mary Phelps, Peter Gengler, Alvin Hopkins, Wilson Gengler, Allan Tidwell, Leonard Aikens, and coworkers.

We are very happy to have Mrs. Jessie H. Bradeson back with us after her recovery from a recent operation.

Bishop Authur L. Hopkins was called to Soda Springs, Idaho, to attend funeral services for his sister. Shortly after his return home he received word of the death of his father in Idaho.

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